

ABSTRACT

The present invention is generally directed to an improved bone fixation implant that provides tactile indication of the top surface of the implant. In one embodiment, an implant comprises a top surface, a bottom bone-contacting surface, and recessed portion disposed in the top surface of the implant to provide a tactile indicator for readily identifying the top surface of the implant. In another embodiment, the top surface indicator may be in the form of an elongated top surface groove that is recessed below the top surface of the implant. The implant may further include at least two fastener holes for receiving fasteners therethrough to secure the implant to the bone. In preferred embodiments, the implant may be made of a resorbable or metallic materials. In another embodiment of the present invention, an implant may comprise transverse slots preferably disposed between at least some of the fastener holes.